

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021 AT 5 P.M. VIA GOOGLE MEET.**

**MAYOR:** Louie A. Trujillo

**COUNCILORS:** David G. Romero  
Elaine Rodriquez  
Michael L. Montoya ***Arrived at 5:04***  
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** William Taylor, City Manager  
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk  
Scott Aaron, City Attorney  
Adrian Crespín, Chief of Police

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Trujillo called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Trujillo advised Las Vegas was currently in the green level and has rescinded the City curfew. Mayor Trujillo recognized all Healthcare workers, Leo Maestas with OEM and all first responders for doing a wonderful job to get us where we're at and hopes we can move into turquoise in two weeks.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| Elaine Rodriquez | Yes | David A. Ulibarri Jr. | Yes |
| David G. Romero  | Yes |                       |     |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Frank Beurskens advised he was in support of battery powered scooters in Las Vegas.

Johnny Coronado advised he's personally used the scooters to get to work and home and the company Bird has saved him a two mile walk to work and back and would like to keep the scooters.

Arielle Hawney expressed her support for the scooters that are quicker, more convenient and fun. Ms. Hawney advised it's time to have a form of affordable transportation for students who don't have a car.

Kyle Conway from the Youth Commission stated the scooters give him and fellow youth something to do and it's an instant form of transportation. Mr. Conway further stated they would be happy to help if the council decides to move forward with an ordinance and felt they are good for Las Vegas.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the minutes for March 10th and March 17th, 2021 as presented. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

|                    |     |                       |     |
|--------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | Elaine Rodriquez      | Yes |
| David G. Romero    | Yes | David A. Ulibarri Jr. | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Request approval of Resolution No. 21-11, A resolution to support the Congressional request for community infrastructure funding.

Mayor Trujillo gave a brief explanation regarding an opportunity for federal money for the community. Mayor Trujillo advised he met with Teresa Leger-Fernandez over zoom regarding federal money for shovel ready projects and things that could impact economic development. Mayor Trujillo advised the City needed to submit proposals or resolutions with projects for funding consideration.

Discussion took place regarding funding needed in underdeveloped areas in Ward 3 such as Pecos Street and areas in Ward 4.

Councilor Montoya stated they renovated the train depot, some streets and sidewalks in Ward 3. Councilor Montoya advised a project on Lincoln Street would be happening soon and Ward 3 hasn't been totally neglected. Councilor Montoya mentioned the Legion Drive project is the number one project.

Mayor Trujillo mentioned the possibility of getting the streets in the Pecos area on the ICIP plan and any others.

Councilor Rodriguez stated the residents in the Pecos Street area didn't agree with Councilor Montoya.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-11 and advised if the City needed anyone to represent in Washington to testify on how badly the funding is needed he is willing to do so. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion.

Resolution 21-11 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO**

**Resolution No. 21-11**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING.**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas ("City") desires to improve the community; and

WHEREAS, a request is being made to Congresswoman Teresa Leger-Fernandez for the purpose of obtaining funding for an infrastructure project for Legion Drive; and

WHEREAS, the City's visitors and residents will benefit from any congressional monies received by the City that are used for community infrastructure improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body supports any actions to obtain funding for a community infrastructure for Legion Drive.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2021.

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Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

|                    |     |                       |     |
|--------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| David G. Romero    | Yes | David A. Ulibarri Jr. | Yes |
| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | Elaine Rodriquez      | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Request approval of Resolution No. 21-12, A resolution to support the Congressional request for community project funding.

Discussion took place regarding the funding from two years ago and if the Gallinas Riverpark project is moving along on the City's part and if the path along the Gallinas River was considered a bicycle path or walking path.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Elizabeth Juarros for all her work.

Councilor Montoya advised that NMHU cut down trees at Melody Park and the City is saving them to make benches for the Gallinas River.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-12 and thanked Congresswoman Teresa Leger-Fernandez. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion.



Resolution 21-12 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO  
Resolution No. 21-12**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING.**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas ("City") desires to improve, preserve and develop the community for the benefit of the City's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, a request is being made to Congresswoman Teresa Leger-Fernandez for the purpose of obtaining funding for a community project in the Gallinas Riverwalk; and

WHEREAS, the City's visitors and residents will benefit from any congressional monies received that are used for the improvement, preservation and development of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body supports a request to Congresswoman Teresa Leger-Fernandez for congressional funds for a community project in the Gallinas Riverwalk.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2021.

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Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

|                       |     |                    |     |
|-----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| David A. Ulibarri Jr. | Yes | David G. Romero    | Yes |
| Elaine Rodriquez      | Yes | Michael L. Montoya | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

3. Request Approval to award RFP #2021-04 for Ambulance services throughout the City of Las Vegas and San Miguel County excluding the Village of Pecos to American Medical Response (AMR) and enter into contract.

Fire Chief Billy Montoya advised creating one emergency response system for ambulance services between the City of Las Vegas and San Miguel County to serve the entire county. Fire Chief Montoya advised if approved a contract will be reviewed and stated a total of four emergency transport units would serve

throughout the County. Fire Chief Montoya advised the same proposal was taken to the County Commission last week and was approved.

Discussion took place regarding the differences between what is in place currently with Superior Ambulance versus the new company, insurance fees that the public pays, issues regarding where AMR would be housed, if Council would revisit the contract in a year in case things aren't working out and when the existing contract expires and when the new one would begin.

Councilor Montoya asked if the difference they would pay to AMR was budgeted.

City Manager Taylor advised they were the lowest bidder and depending on when they arrive would look at the next fiscal year's budget.

Mayor Trujillo asked if the hospital had any consideration.

Fire Chief Montoya advised they were involved as the evaluation team and recommended AMR.

Discussion took place regarding the hiring process.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve RFP #2021-04 for Ambulance services to American Medical Response (AMR) and enter into contract. Councilor Rodriquez seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

|                       |     |                  |     |
|-----------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| Michael L. Montoya    | Yes | Elaine Rodriquez | Yes |
| David A. Ulibarri Jr. | Yes | David G. Romero  | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Fire Chief Montoya and his staff for all they do and advised he would have recognitions for some Firemen who were recognized by a family.

Councilor Montoya thanked Superior Ambulance for their service and for taking care of the community.

4. Approval of Resolution No. 21-10 Budget Adjustment Request for the 2020-2021 Fiscal year for various capital improvement projects and grant funded projects.

Mayor Trujillo asked if the resolution went through the Finance Committee.

Finance Director Jesus Baquera advised it had not gone through the Finance Committee meeting due to the timing of the meeting.

Finance Director Baquera gave a brief explanation regarding the Budget Adjustment Request.

Discussion and questions took place regarding DFA appropriations, El Creston park project, building studies on Plaza Street and the Plaza Park study.

Councilor Montoya thanked Finance Director Baquera for explaining the budget adjustment request.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-10. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion.

Resolution 21-10 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO  
Resolution No. 21-10**

**A RESOLUTION TO MAKE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Las Vegas has developed a budget adjustment request for fiscal year 2020-21; and

**WHEREAS**, said budget was developed on the basis of increases in revenues, expenditures and transfers (in) out through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials and other department supervisors, please see attached schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making a budget adjustment in the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget to include a revenue and expense increase to fund 267 DFA Capital Appropriations – Farmers Market Building Renovation grant in the amount of \$48,000.00, Plaza Park Electrical Upgrades grant in the amount of \$18,000.00, Hanna Park/City Hall Lighting and security system grant in the amount of \$28,000.00 and Carnegie Library Upgrades grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. Also, an increase to revenue and expense to fund 268 Department of Cultural Affairs – Plaza Parking Study in the amount of \$10,000.00, Building Study in the amount of \$10,000.00 and Staff Support in the amount of \$17,000.00. An expense increase to Public Works in the amount of \$24,566.00 for street light repair and to fund 216 Streets in the amount of \$99,500.00 for a street sweeper both are insurance claims. A transfer from fund 216 Streets Improvements into fund 214 Street Co-op Projects in the amount of \$30,000.00 to cover additional construction costs to finish W. National Ave., survey fees for various city streets in the amount of \$309,700.00. An expense increase in the general fund for the Library in the amount of \$48,560.00 to cover salary budget and an additional \$10,000.00 for the firework display; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body finds that the budget adjustment request should be as it meets the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2020-21.



**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas, that the recitals and any exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body hereby approves the aforementioned budget adjustment request and respectfully request approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of April ,2021.

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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

|                  |     |                       |     |
|------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| David G. Romero  | Yes | Michael L. Montoya    | Yes |
| Elaine Rodriquez | Yes | David A. Ulibarri Jr. | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

5. Request approval to award the continuation of West National Avenue and Mountain View Drive road projects to Hay's Plumbing and Heating through a CES contract.

Public Works Manager Daniel Gurule advised it would be a continuation to the Mountain View and West National project and they received funding from NMDOT for both.

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., made a motion to approve the continuation of West National Avenue and Mountain View Drive road projects to Hay's Plumbing and Heating through a CES contract. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

|                  |     |                       |     |
|------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Elaine Rodriquez | Yes | David A. Ulibarri Jr. | Yes |
| David G. Romero  | Yes | Michael L. Montoya    | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.



Mayor Trujillo thanked Public Works Manager Gurule and his staff for all the hard work they do.

Public Works Manager Gurule thanked NMDOT for their help with their sweeper.

Councilor Romero requested a schedule for the street sweeper.

6. Approval to fund the bid additive alternate work for RFP 2021-06 for the Dee Bibb Lift Station Improvements.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised they had additional funding to cover the generator, security fencing and additional adjustments.

Discussion took place regarding where the funding was coming from.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the bid additive alternate work for RFP 2021-06 for the Dee Bibb Lift Station Improvements. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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|--------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | David G. Romero       | Yes |
| Elaine Rodriquez   | Yes | David A. Ulibarri Jr. | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

7. Approval to fund the bid additive alternate work for RFP 2021-07 for the Detention Center Lift Station Rehab.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve funding the bid additive alternate work for RFP 2021-07 for the Detention Center Lift Station Rehab. Councilor Rodriquez seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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|-----------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| Michael L. Montoya    | Yes | Elaine Rodriquez | Yes |
| David A. Ulibarri Jr. | Yes | David G. Romero  | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Utilities Director Gilvarry and her staff for all their hard work.

8. Council Discussion/Action regarding transportation-sharing vehicles or ordinance in Las Vegas.

Councilor David Romero voiced concerns regarding no ordinances in place to cover the City of Las Vegas.

Discussion took place regarding the process that took place to allow that type of business in Las Vegas without ordinances in place and it not being taken to planning and zoning or Council for approval.

Councilor Romero voiced concerns regarding underage riders on the scooters even though the MOU specified 18 and over, safety concerns of them being driven on the road and other liability issues that weren't addressed.

Councilor Rodriguez advised she contacted insurance agencies regarding the liability for drivers, the liability if the company goes bankrupt and no rules or regulations for underage riders in and out of traffic.

Councilor Montoya advised he's received phone calls regarding issues with signage, age, and the slow speed being a factor to cause an accident. Councilor Montoya advised restrictions need to be in place.

Mayor Trujillo advised if they're going to regulate that type of transportation then they will also have to regulate bicycles, skateboards and hoverboards. Mayor Trujillo voiced his concerns about it being a business venture and by opposing it, it shows they are not open to businesses.

Discussion took place regarding a business having the right to have a business license, the scooters being battery operated not motorized, a special use permit being done, the possibility of people using scooters while drunk, and the liability to the City regarding safety concerns.

Mayor Trujillo voiced his concerns about regulating businesses that want to come to Las Vegas and if creating an ordinance to support a business is needed then one should be done because he doesn't want to put a business out of business.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the bicycle ordinance, if a special permit is needed for business licenses, where the business for the scooters was located, how the scooters work, safety regulations, suspending the business license and creating an ordinance.

Councilor Romero voiced concerns regarding how the MOU for Bird Rides Inc., wasn't taken to Council for approval and the business not having a proper location.

City Attorney Scott Aaron advised the MOU was a voluntary attempt from Bird Rides Inc., to give the City protection in the event of an accident and if the contract is rolled back then protection is no longer there.

Councilor Romero made a motion to terminate the MOU between the City of Las Vegas and Bird Rides Inc., until an ordinance is developed to address the electric scooters. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| David A. Ulibarri Jr. | No  | Elaine Rodriquez | Yes |
| Michael L. Montoya    | Yes | David G. Romero  | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need for executive session.

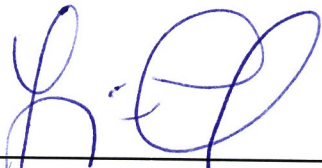
### **ADJOURN**

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Rodriquez seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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|--------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Michael L. Montoya | Yes | Elaine Rodriquez      | Yes |
| David G. Romero    | Yes | David A. Ulibarri Jr. | Yes |

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.



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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk